Different meanings, different synonyms

1. If a word has more than one meaning, each meaning has its own set of synonyms, e.g. there are different words for different meanings of **sharp**.

   Tick the best alternative from the four words listed. Then see if you can think of a word that means the opposite of this meaning of **sharp**.

   **a)** She felt a **sharp** pain in her arm.
   
   *pointed, clear, piercing, harsh*  
   opposite .................................

   **b)** There could be a **sharp** drop in prices.
   
   *spiky, pungent, keen, sudden*  
   opposite .................................

   **c)** He had a quick wit and a **sharp** mind.
   
   *perceptive, biting, crisp, piquant*  
   opposite .................................

2. See if you can get from the first word to the last word by playing **synonym tag**. This is how it works:

   **Synonym tag**

   - Look up the first word in the *Oxford School Thesaurus* and in the space next to it, write one of the synonyms listed in the entry.
   - Next, look this word up and, find one of its synonyms for the next space.
   - If the chain is right, you should end up with the target word.

   e.g. to get from **AMUSING** to **INQUISITIVE**, the chain looks like this:

   **AMUSING**  **FUNNY**  **CURIOUS**  **INQUISITIVE**